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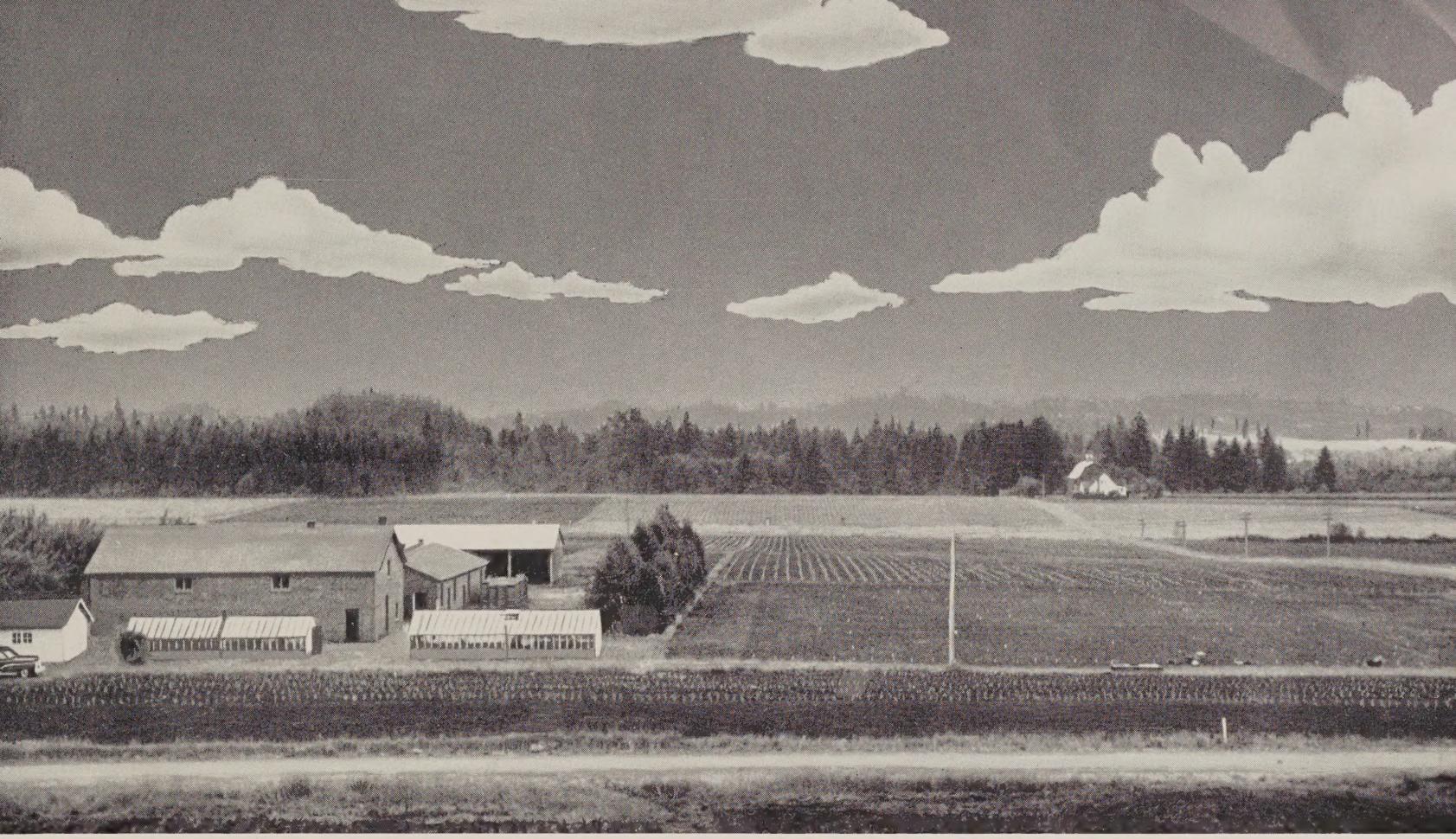
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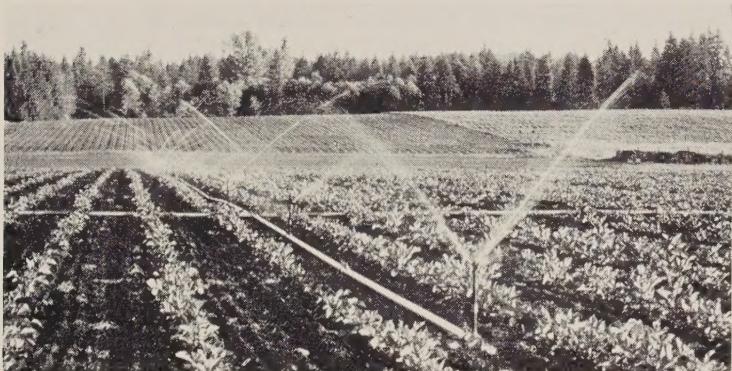
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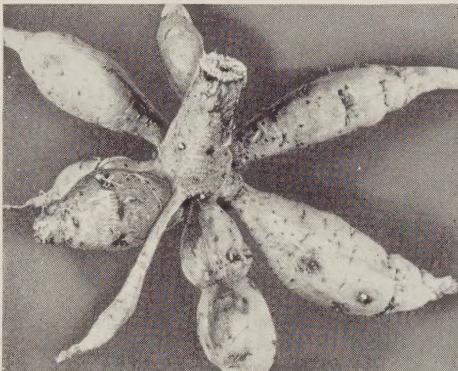


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## Large Decorative Dahlias

**FD—FORMAL DECORATIVE**—Double flowers, full to the center, usually with broad flat petals, often rounded at the tips, and regular in arrangement.

**ID—INFORMAL DECORATIVE**—Double flowers, full to the center, usually with long twisted petals, and often irregular in arrangement.

The large decorative type dahlias are the most popular and are available in most every color and blend but blue and a true black. Sizes under this heading range from six to 14 inches in diameter.

VARIETY	Price of each in lots of		
	10	100	1000
<b>Alice Hume</b> (FD) 10 in. blooms of soft buff shades. Free bloomer of medium height	.22	.18	.15
<b>Autumn Sunset</b> (ID) 10 in. blooms of yellow blending to red. Excellent root producer	.22	.18	...
<b>Avalon</b> (FD) 8 in. compact blooms of bright canary yellow. Deep green foliage	.22	.18	.14
<b>Azura</b> (ID) 10 in. blooms of clear lilac. Very vigorous and a fine show dahlia	.25	.20	.15
<b>Blue River</b> (FD) 10 in. facing blooms of silvery lavender. This dahlia is among the most popular of large type	.22	.18	.14
<b>Calif. Idol</b> (ID) 10 in. canary yellow on fine stems. This is an old favorite and is always in demand	.30	.25	.20
<b>Chas. L. Mastick</b> (FD) 10 in. compact blooms of bronze to orange. A fine keeper when cut and rates among the best in the garden	.25	.22	.15
<b>Clarie Fleetwood</b> (ID) 10 in. blooms of soft orchid pink. Vigorous and a very heavy producer	.22	.18	.14
<b>Clara Carder</b> (ID) 12 in. giant blooms of vivid pink. Low growing habits. Choice for the garden showoff. Shaggy	.22	.18	.12

VARIETY	Price of each in lots of		
	10	100	1000
<b>Croydon Glory</b> (ID) 12 in. lemon yellow giant. This Australian novelty is among the finest of all dahlias. Very choice	.25	.20	.18
<b>D'arcy Sainsbury</b> (FD) 10 in. pure white perfection blooms. Medium bush producing fine foliage and stem. This dahlia has been a leader for many years	.25	.20	.15
<b>Eleanor Francis</b> (ID) 10 in. compact blooms of blood red. Heavy green foliage and fine keeping qualities rate this dahlia very high	.22	.18	.12
<b>Freida Monich</b> (ID) 8 in. mahogany brown with gold shading. Unusual and draws much attention	.22	.18	.14
<b>Grey Dawn</b> (ID) 8 in. white with overall lavender tint. Appearing grey	.22	.18	...
<b>Hill's Supreme</b> (ID) 8 in. clear deep rose pink on very excellent stem. This is one of the finest dahlias that we grow and recommend it as a cut flower	.22	.15	.12
<b>Jane Cowl</b> (ID) 8 in. buff to apricot orange. A favorite	.22	.18	...
<b>Jean Hahn</b> (FD) 10 in. pure gold. No blends. Medium bush with exceptional foliage	.22	.18	.15
<b>Jessie Gordon</b> (FD) 8 in. light peach with orange blend. Fine compact flower and very good root producer	.22	.18	...
<b>Julia Mack</b> (ID) 10 in. orange with yellow and deep contrasting shades of mahogany. Magnificent blend of fall colors	.25	.20	.15

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VARIETY	Price of each in lots of		
	10	100	1000
<b>Klickpera, V. C. (ID)</b> 8 in. lush wedding flower. Deep vigorous blooms of satin white with delicate orchid tint to base of petals. Early flowering; very outstanding	.22	.18	.12
<b>Lorraine (ID)</b> 10 in. shaggy blend of yellow, bronze and tan	.25	.20	...
<b>Marshall's Pink (FD)</b> 8 in. soft mallow pink. Very good cut flower and a choice for basket work	.22	.18	.14
<b>Mayfair (ID)</b> 10 in. shaggy ruby red blooms on excellent stem and bush. Turns semi-caactus late in the season. A real show dahlia.	.40	.30	...
<b>Mayor Otis (ID)</b> 14 in. giant blooms of bronze and copper. Artistically shaggy and the largest dahlia we list. Vigorous and easy to grow	.25	.20	.15
<b>Mrs. G. LeBoutillier (ID)</b> 12 in. giant deep red (see plate). Wonderful producer and one of the most popular dahlias of our time	.18	.14	.10
<b>Mrs. Wm. Knudsen (FD)</b> 8 in. pearl white blooms on long stiff stems. In its class this dahlia is unexcelled as a cut flower. It is perfection	.22	.18	.14
<b>Mrs. Kunzman (FD)</b> 8 in. bronze to tan on long stiff stems. Another good cut flower in large type	.22	.18	.14
<b>Ormoest (ID)</b> 8 in. lavender edged white. Produces very well both in flower and tuber	.22	.18	.14
<b>Pink Giant (ID)</b> 10 in. giant tyrean pink. Petal structure very lush and shaggy. One of the best	.25	.20	...
<b>Red Jersey Beauty (FD)</b> 8 in. deep red. Profuse bloomer on medium bush. Deep green foliage	.20	.14	.10
<b>Royal Pennant (FD)</b> 8 in. rich royal purple. This is an excellent all around dahlia, being choice for its intensity of color. A rare color in dahlias	.25	.20	.15
<b>Salsbach's White (FD)</b> 8 in. pearl white on very good stem. Bloom faces and all come perfect	.25	.20	...
<b>San Francisco (ID)</b> 10 in. blooms of shrimp pink. A very vigorous grower. Rather tall unless topped	.25	.20	...
<b>Sherwood's Peach (ID)</b> 12 in. giant blooms of orange and apricot blends. This is undoubtedly one of the most outstanding garden varieties grown. It is vigorous in every way. We recommend it very highly	.25	.20	.15
<b>The Universe (ID)</b> 8 in. dark ruffled red. An excellent novelty for the garden show	.25	.20	...
<b>Top Flight (ID)</b> 10 in. stately bright red. Excellent stem and bush characteristics	.40	.30	...
<b>Town Topic (FD)</b> 10 in. deep purple and white bicolor. This vigorous grower is a big attraction in the field and is in heavy demand	.25	.20	.14
<b>Watchung Giant (ID)</b> 10 in. deep amber yellow suffused orange. A well established variety of merit	.25	.18	...



MRS. G. LE BOUTILLIER

## Cactus and Semi-Cactus Dahlias

The cactus dahlias are gaining popularity each season and are the topic of discussion at all the shows. Ranging in size from 4 in. to the 12 in. giants they satisfy the needs of the gardener who wants to grow them for cut flowers and the gardener who wants something striking and unusual for that special spot in the garden. Cut flower keeping qualities are generally better and they are by far the choice of the florist.

**CACTUS**—Double flowers, full to the center, with long, narrow, pointed petals, incurved, recurved or straight, but rolled more than half their length.

**SEMI-CACTUS**—Double flowers, full to the center, with coarse, twisted petals, usually somewhat incurved, and rolled ordinarily less than half their length.

VARIETY	Price of each in lots of		
	10	100	1000
<b>Animato</b> 4 in. delicate shell pink to white. Low habits on well formed bush and is choice for cutting	.25	.20	.18
<b>Andries Orange</b> 4 in. clear orange cactus of excellent merit for cutting and exhibition alike. Very good stem	.25	.18	...
<b>Figaro</b> 10 in. rich yellow with red penciling on petals. An excellent show dahlia with size and class. Sport of the famous SATAN	.30	.25	.20
<b>Gen. J. J. Pershing</b> 10 in. semi-caactus of finest exhibition quality. Deep mahogany with splotches of wine red. Medium bush with heavy green foliage. Easily grown to size	.30	.22	.18
<b>Governor Heil</b> 10 in. incurved cactus of delicate orange rose. This blend is magnificent and the pride of every gardener who grows it	.30	.22	.15

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	10	100	1000		10	100	1000
<b>Gala Calif.</b> 8 in. cactus of scarlet orange.....	.30	.25	...	<b>Helly Boudevijn</b> 5 in. satin white water-lily of outstanding merit. Easy to grow and a very heavy producer. One of our leading cut-flower types it keeps for days when cut.....	.25	.18	.12
<b>Greater Glory</b> 8 in. lavender pink with white center. Twisting petals give very striking appearance .....	.30	.25	...	<b>I. K. E.</b> Ruby red miniature that rates as tops in its class as a cut flower. Has every good quality desired in a small dahlia .....	.25	.18	...
<b>Jane Lausche</b> 12 in. very deep semi-cactus. A new combination of rosy mauve with the outer one-third of each petal white. A most outstanding collector's item listed among the finest of the late introductions. Holder of many "Largest" and "Most perfect bloom" awards.....	1.00	.75	...	<b>Leah Pearl</b> Large ball type. Salmon with cream center. Free bloomer on medium to low bush.....	.25	.18	...
<b>Jersey Dainty</b> 8 in. pure white cactus. This dahlia is very lacy in appearance and much in demand for wedding work. Also excellent for show purposes.....	.30	.25	.14	<b>Mah Baby</b> 3 in. ball of deep maroon to black. Vigorous and heavy producer of bloom .....	.20	.15	...
<b>Mark Heide</b> 8 in. pastel pink semi-cactus with each petal tip twisted. This medium size dahlia is very reliable.....	.30	.25	...	<b>Memory</b> Very low growing maroon water-lily. This little dahlia is fine for borders and also makes a nice cut flower where long stems are not needed.....	.20	.15	...
<b>Mustang</b> 12 in. giant Australian true pink cactus of unusual vigor and size. Very outstanding show type responding beautifully to care.....	.50	.35	...	<b>Queen of Yellows</b> Vivid yellow ball that is a standout in the garden. Extremely profuse and fine for cutting.....	.16	.12	.08
<b>Pflamenspeil</b> 8 in. true cactus of flame orange on fine stem with very good bush and growth habits.....	.30	.25	...	<b>Red Chief</b> Bright red ball on medium bush. Very showy in contrast.....	.20	.15	.10
<b>Pink Gem</b> 4 in. delicate pink semi-cactus with very lacy foliage. An exceptional cut flower .....	.30	.25	.18	<b>Rosebud</b> Miniature cream white tipped wine. Profuse .....	.20	.15	...
<b>St. Therese</b> 5 in. pink to white spike cactus. One of the finest Holland creations ever brought to America. Real dahlia finery .....	.50	.30	...	<b>Tippy</b> Stately 5 in. ball dahlia that is always produced on good stem. Color is honey yellow tipped bronze with orange to center .....	.20	.15	...
<b>Satan</b> 10 in. scarlet cactus that has been on the dahlia hit parade for several years. Very outstanding qualities.....	.30	.25	.20	<b>White Fawn</b> Miniature snow white that seems to never stop blooming. 3 ft. bush of dense foliage.....	.20	.15	.10
<b>Thistledown</b> 6 in. soft white cactus with pale cream center. Medium bush. Profuse bloomer.....	.25	.20	.15				
<b>Triumph de Paris</b> 5 in. cactus of lemon yellow with red. Unusual and very choice ..	.30	.25	...				
<b>Virginia Rute</b> 10 in. blooms of deep blood red. This semi-cactus is a fine producer and one of the leaders of its type. Rich coloring .....	.30	.25	...				

## Miniature, Ball and Waterlily Dahlias

**MINIATURE** dahlias are the little fellows that resemble the large decorative types but rarely exceed 3 inches in diameter. They are popular for cut flowers and yard decorations alike.

**BALL** dahlias are identical in shape to the pompons only average about 3 inches in diameter.

**WATERLILY** dahlias average about 4 inches in diameter and are unique in that they have petal arrangement identical to a waterlily. Very delicate coloring and are always choice for floral arranging.

VARIETY	Price of each in lots of		
	10	100	1000
<b>Baby Fonteneau</b> (Min. ID) Delicate little rose cut flower among the very popular .....	.30	.25	...
<b>Bishop of Llandaff</b> 4 in. duplex. Deep scarlet with unusual purple foliage. Very good cut and fine for beds and walks.....	.25	.18	...
<b>Gerrie Hoeck</b> Delicate pastel pink waterlily. We have never seen this color duplicated .....	.30	.25	...

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	10	100	1000
<b>Atom</b> Pure orange .....	.15	.13	...
<b>Arthur Kerley</b> Deep ruby red.....	.15	.13	...
<b>Bantam</b> Scarlet red .....	.15	.13	...
<b>Betty Ann</b> Clear rich pink.....	.15	.13	.10
<b>Doria</b> Smoky maroon .....	.15	.13	...
<b>Joe Fette</b> Florist white.....	.15	.13	...
<b>Libby Rohr</b> Medium purple.....	.15	.13	.10
<b>Little David</b> Small soft orange.....	.15	.13	.10
<b>Mary Munns</b> Pure lavender.....	.15	.13	.10
<b>Sherry</b> Sherry wine .....	.15	.13	.10
<b>Tip Top</b> Raspberry red.....	.15	.13	.10
<b>Yellow Gem</b> Pure yellow.....	.15	.13	...
<b>Wee Pink</b> Soft pastel pink.....	.15	.13	...

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